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Editorial Comment

MORE COUNTRY DOCTORS

From Pittsylvania Tribune

North Carolina is in the midst of a campaign to improve the health of its people, of the state. In that state, as in Virginia, it is the rural sections in which the services of doctors and hospitals are inadequate. Their goal is, at least one hospital in each county and they are offering material assistance in medical education for young doctors who will agree to practice in the county.

In Virginia as a whole we have one physician for every 924 people, which is not so very bad, but over the state this varies from one physician for every 1,871 people in Charlottesville to one for every 9200 people in Norfolk County, and one for every 7100 people in Nansemond County. We haven't the figures on Pittsylvania, but with no physician in Chatham, we do not think we would be much better off than Nansemond County. Of course the number of people a doctor can serve depends on how easily and quickly he can reach them, but our distribution of doctors in the city is one for every 760 people while in the rural areas the average is one doctor for every 1940 people, notwithstanding the fact that the people are much easier to reach in the cities than in the country.

Doctors are like the rest of us. When they have work to do they want modern equipment to do it with, and want to live comfortably while doing it.

Large fund allocated for airports.

EDISON AS AN EXAMPLE

From Winchester Star

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison on February 11 will be noted wherever the electric light is known. Mankind has ever now to acknowledge the greatness of Edison, but the good of just the public pays unceasing homage to his memory on the date of his birth.

From humble beginnings as a "butcher" selling candy and candy on trains and later as a railroad newspaper, he became one of the most noted scientists in history. His inventions are numerous, but no list of them would do justice to the genius of Edison. Many of these inventions are useful to us and also unknown to many. Many of these commonly used inventions by the world of the moving day, and in fact we cannot do without them in this age. Some of his device is amusing, while.

It seems long ago that on the blackboard of every school was outlined the story about a boy named Edison who was not very bright in school. In fact, Edison's own mother pulled him from school because of his poor grades and said he was not mental enough to learn and would be a failure.

To bring forth light in darkness was nothing new when Edison came along. Ever since the world began, the genius of man has been exercised in this age of the world, but so intelligent has become electricity that few stop to think the great discoverers. Franklin, flying his kite into a storm cloud, as a figure of speech, was not a commercialized energy always ready to receive and transmit as has electricity. Waiting to give them to the people were men like Edison who brought forth the inventions that have lifted the standard of living and made the world a better place in which to live.

It is well to study, as they join in tribute to the memory of Edison, not only the inventions and discoveries of this man, but to study his personality, his character, his genius, his unceasing industry, and his triumph over obstacles and failures.

Phone 30 with Personals.

A SPIRITUAL CONCEPT

From Wells (Nev.) Progress

The supreme test of Christianity is the importance it attaches to the individual. Our government was based on a spiritual concept, not a material concept. Yet unprecedented material progress has been made here. The reasons are plain. The man who is individually important as a citizen is the man who becomes economically important as a worker. He is the thinking man, the doing man. He is the antithesis of the regimented man."

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

Plan some home-made Valentines to send to the gals and the guys in your life. They're lots of fun to make, and more fun than the ready-made ones to receive. We asked our Hi-Styles scouts for some ideas—and they came through with inspirations.

Best Wishes—Do you wish he'd be your Valentine? Then, send him a chicken wishbone that has been dried and then painted with red nail-polish. Tie it to a heart-decorated card with this verse:

"I've decided you're my Dish,
Am I going to get my Wish?"

Piece Work—Cut out a big red construction paper heart; then cut the heart into many small, jig-saw pieces. Send all the pieces in an envelope with this verse:

"My heart is broken; I wonder whether
You'd care to piece it back together."

Gift Imprint—Do a plain white card with dark lipstick. (You just kiss the card and there it is.) Write this verse underneath:

"Who's your Valentine? Take my tips,
And find the girl who owns these LIPS."

Literary Love — Make a fancy bookmark out of construction paper with lots of hearts and flowers. Clip it to a card with this verse:

"I'm the bookmark like the others
Please do look at me when you're reading
the love scenes."

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JABBERWOCKY AND JIVE

Speezy—Don't ask us why, but it can mean anything, depending upon your tone of voice. "Things are going speezy" is saying it on the way up.

Mad Grief!—Your new exclamation when you're in a tizzy about something.

Lansome—The feminine counterpart of Varsome. (As in Turner, of course.)

Sign Guy—Your O.A.O.

Spellbound—You don't say you're "crazy" about something anymore; you say you're "spellbound" about it.

Rattle, Rattle, Till—They tell us it's the new substitute for Hubba Hubba. (Will somebody please tell us where it comes from?)

Clammy—Drippy.

History Book—Your diary, because of your making history every weekend.

Uncle Sam Says

Abraham Lincoln's birthday should be a reminder to my nieces and nephews that they have the opportunity to emancipate themselves from future insecurity by buying United States Savings Bonds regularly. Every time you buy a Bond you've added something to the future you're creating—a home, an education for your children, a secure old age for yourself. Every signed payroll savings authorization card is a personal emancipation proclamation. Every regular purchase of a Savings Bond at your bank, post office or where you work is another step toward future happiness.

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BACK HOME AGAIN

By EJ Dodd

OUR WORST FIRE YEAR

The National Conference on Fire Prevention has just revealed that property losses from fire totaling $961,487,000 made 1946 "the most destructive year in our recent history." Part of this loss is due to our inability to make necessary repairs to electrical, heating and other equipment; but the greater part is due to the same old carelessness that has been the cause of most fires from time immemorial.

It is most unfortunate that, at a time when the need for housing is so acute, we should destroy a good part of what we build. If we could cut down losses by fire, our need for new buildings for business and housing would be much less pressing. Only unusual care and vigilance will do the job.

—Ashland Herald-Progress.

Senator Taft holds to stand on tariffs and taxes, as Republican leaders split.

British fuel crisis abated by return of warmer weather.

German steel men are indicted on war crimes charge.

Federal judge dismisses portal pay damages suit.

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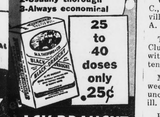

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Rocks News

Rocks, Feb. 10.- It was quite cold here last week. Real ground hog weather.

J. W. Dickerson took a calf and some hogs to the livestock market in Farmville last Monday for Tom Kress.

Emory Ranson was in Farmville Tuesday selling his tobacco.

Casper Baldwin, of Durham, N. C., and Harry Baldwin, of Farmville called to see their uncle, A. A. Baldwin Tuesday afternoon.

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club held its February meeting with Mrs. Percy Carter. The attendance was small.

Mrs. R. C. Baldwin spent last week over near Hollywood with her uncle, Luther Ferguson, who was ill.

Ryland Taylor was sick with a cold last week and missed two days from school.

Mrs. Rhomy Wilson and daughter were at Appomattox Saturday.

Friends were sorry to hear that Toby Ange got hurt last week by a fallen limb. He was carried to the doctor at Appomattox, where several stitches were taken in his face.

R. L. Jennings called to see Claude Leigh Saturday morning.

E. M. Almond, of Lynchburg, was in the neighborhood Friday.

Tip Paulette and Gorge Glover called to see James Taylor Saturday around noon.

Elmo Baldwin and Doris Dickerson were married recently.

G. T. Marsh had a number of his children with him Sunday for his 76th birthday. They surprised him with a birthday dinner. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and daughter Mrs. Jack Hamilten, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Marsh and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eugen. Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Atwill Powell and son, Ray; Mr and Mrs. Whit Woodall, Thoma Woodall and friend, all of Lynchburg, and Harold Marsh and daughter, Mary Frances, and her friend, of Altavista. He received many cards and presents. They all left wishing him many more happy birthdays.

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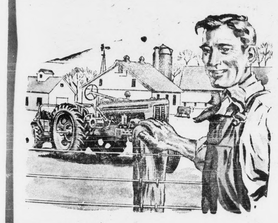

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 11.- From the way the wind has been blowing for the past week, Brink Fuller ary has borrowed all of the March winds.

Rev. D. M. Spence preached at Bethel Church last Sunday A. M. He and Mrs. Spence and daughter Louise were dinner guests of Mrs. Bessie Stratton.

Miss Mildred Morgan spent Sunday with Anne Thomas.

Anne Davidson had as her guests on last Sunday for her birthday, Betsy and Bertha Wheeler, Louise Burnette and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith and Billy Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard had as their guests on last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and children, of Oakville; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grant and son Homer, Jr., and his two children, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe, and Mr. and Mrs. H. ... Brown, of Gladstone last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson and daughter, Anne, were visitors in Lynchburg last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tildon Lee, Howlette Drinkard and E. L. Chick were shoppers in Appomattox on last Thursday.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 11.- The old ground hog is surely punishing the unbelievers in him this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conner and daughter, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Harvey, of Appomattox spent Sunday here.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, in the loss of their home and property by fire. We are glad to know she is improving and able to return from the hospital. He is still a patient in the hospital.

Mrs. Emma Thomas is sick at this writing.

J. R. Conner, who has been sick for the past week, is able to get out a little now.

Mrs. Mamie Kelley, of Lynchburg spent a few days recently with her brother T. E. LeGrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Woolridge and children were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton.

Rev. Cecil Carter was a visitor in the homes of J. R. Conner and T. E. LeGrand last Wednesday.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

That Ring Around the Bathtub

Jeb Crowell blew his top the other day. Seems that for weeks he's been trying to get his youngsters to scrub out the bathtub after using it. And this night he sees *two* rings around it—one where young Sonny left off, and another about Pinky's level.

He raves and rants—and takes it out on the missus for her lack of discipline. And later that evening he sees her crudely polishing the hardwood table that's right by his chair. Jeb's removing the rings he's left there with his evening glass of beer!

From now on, Jeb's careful to put his glass down on the table cover—like the missus does. And I hear he's a little more forgiving about rings around the beds. Just keeps on patiently reminding.

From where I sit, there's more annoyance in every family difficulty habits and opinions in every community. A little patience—a little more "forgive and let live" is the only antidote.

Joe Marsh

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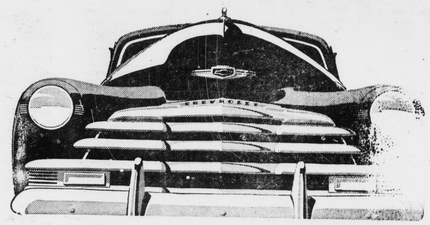

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